



Mililani 'Ike PTO Newsletter & Updates

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Parent Teacher Organization
(PTO)

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Dates to Remember

- April 1 - SCC Meeting, 6:30pm
- April 6 - Report Cards
- April 20 - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- April 22 - Canned Food Drive
- April 23 - FURLOUGH FRIDAY
- May 2 - NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- May 6 - SCC Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 7 - FURLOUGH FRIDAY
- May 12 - Principal's Coffee Hour 8:15-9:15am
- May 14 - FURLOUGH FRIDAY
- May 18 - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm
- May 21 - School Supply Drive
- May 26 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Message from our PTO President

Aloha 'Ike Parents and Families:

As we close the school year for 2009-2010, I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support. This has been a challenging year for us with the furlough days and budgeting crisis. The PTO was not able to plan various activities for our students due to the reduced days in our school calendar. Our support has mainly been in the classrooms.

Next year, the PTO is considering buying additional tech equipment needed in the classrooms, as well as some beautification projects around our portables. We are also considering hiring a part-time assistant for Ms. Sarah Paige as she is overwhelmed with coordinating all the events for orchestra and choir. We wish for her to continue this after-school program and the PTO would like to help out.

The PTO needs more volunteers. Nominations for next year's office positions are now in progress. We hope you will consider volunteering, as we desperately need new people becoming involved, as many of us must leave due to location moves and children no longer attending 'Ike. Won't you please consider?

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Mahalo,

Suzie Abeshima, President 2009-2010

When sending in lunch payments for your child, please make sure to write your child's FIRST and LAST name plus room number in the memo line of our check.

'Ike Staff Profile... Chad Matsuda

Many of you have seen our newest faculty member, Mr. Chad Matsuda around the 'Ike campus, but we took a few moments to dig a little deeper.

Mr. Matsuda has been a counselor to 5 years. Prior to coming to Mililani 'Ike, he served at a neighbor school, Kipapa Elementary.

Chad Matsuda graduated from Mid-Pacific Institute and spent 2 years at the University of Oregon. He finished his degree at UH Manoa, and was given the opportunity to serve as a TA Vice-Principal and felt he could make a difference for students attending Hawaii's public schools.

When not at school, Mr. Matsuda enjoys fishing and diving. He would like to thank our readers "for your continued support of the faculty, staff and students of Mililani 'Ike."

The PTO would like to welcome Mr. Matsuda to our school!



PTO Positions Open:

Treasurer

Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair

Please contact Suzie Abeshima for more information.

'Ike Staff Profile... Ruth Pilch (photo not available)

Mrs. Ruth Pilch has taught Special Education in Hawaii for over 10 years, prior to marrying her husband, who was in the Air Force. After raising a daughter, she returned to teaching and most recently was working at Aliamanu Middle School.

Mrs. Pilch graduated with a degree in Recreation Management from Sacramento State College University in California, then received her Special Education Degree from Brigham Young University in Hawaii.

Both of Mrs. Pilch's parents were teachers, as well as her older brother and sisters, so it was natural for her (the youngest) to follow in their footsteps.

Because Mr. Pilch was in the Air Force, Mrs. Pilch has enjoyed traveling and living in many places. Also, she has ventured into other professions, including legal secretary, grants writer and even obtained her real estate license. Her personal hobbies and interests include crafts, sewing, swimming and church service.

Mrs. Pilch tells the PTO, "I love teaching and working with the staff and parents at Mililani 'Ike. Most of all, I love working with my 1st graders, as they are so happy, diligent and willing to try their hardest in all that they do."

Please join the PTO in welcoming Mrs. Ruth Pilch to our school with much aloha!

'Ike Staff Profile... Beth Williams

Another new face at Mililani 'Ike is Mrs. Beth Williams! Mrs. Williams is in her eighth year of teaching and comes to us from Ewa Beach Elementary. She has also taught at Shafter Elementary and Shuksan Middle School in Washington.

Mrs. Williams has always wanted to be a teacher. ☺ She attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA, for her B.A. in English Literature and Post-Bac K-8.

On campus at 'Ike, you can find Mrs. Williams reading, running or at the beach. She tells us, "I appreciate all of the support and encouragement that my students receive from their families! I am lucky to work with such a wonderful group of students!"

Aloha to Mrs. Williams from the families at 'Ike and we wish you the best!

JUST FOR FUN

What do you get if you cross a lake with a leaky boat?  bo Halfway!

WHAT DOES A 200 LB. MOUSE SAY?

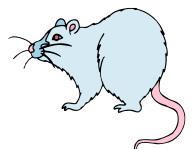
HERE, KITTY, KITTY, KITTY...

Knock, Knock... Who's there?

Accordian.

Accordian who?

Accordian to the paper, it's going to rain today!





PTO 2010-2011 Executive Board Elections

The PTO is accepting nominations for the following positions: president, vice president, secretary & treasurer.

To submit a nomination, please email the **name, position to fill, and a contact phone number** for the person you are nominating to Suzie Abeshima at president@mililaniikepto.org
Join us at our May 18th (7:00pm) PTO Meeting, to vote in your new PTO officers!

'Ike Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week from Monday, May 3rd to Thursday, May 6th (Friday, May 7th is a scheduled furlough day). As we have done in years past, we will start off the week with our traditional "Flower Shower Day" on Monday and end the week with a gift from the PTO to all 'Ike teachers and staff. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for notes from your class contact parent about the activities planned for your child's teacher. Please note that all participation is voluntary. Our primary focus is to let our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate what they do for our children every day, which can also be done with a note or just a simple "thank you".

On behalf of this year's Teacher Appreciation Committee--Karla Voss (Chair), Brenda Ballesteros, Anita Mehta, and Susan Oshiro, we would like to thank all the 'Ike teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication and the 'Ike families for your continued support!

Sally Foster 2009 Winners of a Class Pizza Party! April 21

Kindergarten: J. Hirasa's Class (\$1,481.00)
1st Grade: D. Tome's Class (\$1,174.00)
2nd Grade: S. Sakamoto-Horn's Class (\$2,277.00)
3rd Grade: S. Yoshikawa's Class (\$1,711.00)
4th grade: V. Shiroma's Class (\$2,299.50)
5th Grade: L. Nishimura's Class (\$700.00)



Sally Foster 2009 Lunch with the Principal Award Winners! May 5

L. Matsuzaki (K/D101)
Raine Komata
Randen Silva

K. Doyle (K/D105)
Jaden Miranda
Akira Pescador

C. Castro (K/D106)
Aiden Tells
Lia Yamamoto

L. Powell (K/D110)
Katie Kimura
Ashton Valdez

P. Kawamoto (K/D111)
Ryan Constantino
Justin Mon

J. Hirasa (K/D114)
Jacob Callangan
Kylie-Ann Takehara

C. Chun (1/E105)
Cole Custodio

S. Fujimori (1/E106)
Jiana Abela-Nakashima

S. Delucchi (1/E07)
Chastity Bae

T. Matsumoto (1/E108)
Hunter Faildo
Aaron Iha
Krislyn Miyamoto

D. Ueda (1/D107)
Kalai Pagente

D. Tome (1/D109)
Lance Melchor

Misa Miyashiro
Zoe Oshiro

J. Hazama (1/D108)
Quinn Fukawa

A. Sevilla (1/E110)
Maya Coloma
Brandon Taira

B. Oka (2/E203)
Alexander Babcock
Darin Yukumoto

S. Sakamoto-Horn (2/E112)
Kara Ann Aoki
Arissa Garcia
Jacob Nakasone
Kaiya Takamoto

C. Sekigawa (2/E111)
Jaron Abela-Nakashima

C. Hamane (2/E208)
Maiah Motta

L. Ebinger (2/E204)
Colbi Ohira

M. Yamamoto (2/E207)
Reese Yamamoto

L. Nishimura (3/E202)
Jake Orimoto
Chloe Oshiro

M. Honda (3/E210)
Carly Hera
Rina Osedo

C. Inake (3/E201)
Jenna Nakanishi
Darin Yukumoto

J. Ueyama (3/E212)
Tyler Wright
Drayden Yamauchi

J. Terao (/E211)
Allen Nakamura
Jensen Yasui

S. Yoshikawa (3/E103)
Ally Colome
Mitchell Isobe
Kayla Odham
Yuto Yamada

J. Nagao (4/TB2)
Lexi Sakauye

A. Tanaka (4/TB4)
Michael Tabe
Caitlin Taira
Travis Takano

T. Miyamoto (4/TB1)
Nina Gaines
Kasey Rivera
Sarah Yokota

C. Muraoka (4/TB3)
Zachary Minato

V. Shiroma (4/TB6)
Taryn Fujimora
Ashlyn Kashima
Jimmie Paeste
Tanner Tamura
Josh Watase

B. Williams (5/E206)
Sarah Igarashi

W. Lum (5/TB8)
Zane Ramos

K. Simpson (5/TB10)
Janelle Matsuoka